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In examining the bills of health on this vessel from ports south I noticed that at only one port in Chile was an American bill of health issued. This exception was a small port in the northern part of the Republic. In the others, beginning with Valparaiso, a certificate was taken from the governor of the port, whose signature was authenticated by the American consul. This certificate was indorsed at each subsequent port by the governor of that port, or his adjutant, whose signature was in like manner authenticated by the American consul.

These papers, issued by the local port authorities, very imperfectly answer the purpose for which the American bill of health is intended. They state broadly that "no infectious or contagious diseases exist in epidemic form;" give no data of any kind; do not indicate the number of passengers embarked or disembarked at any particular port, and do not mention where the vessel was anchored, whether in open bay or at wharf, nor the degree of communication had with shore.

The following resolution, adopted by the superior board of health, is translated from *El Grito del Pueblo* of October 28:

Rice, which is shipped from any port in Peru, will not be received here because of information which we have that it is sent from Eten to other ports and reshipped here.

Eten is the only port in northern Peru now considered infected by the board of health.

GERMANY.

Report from Berlin—Plague and cholera in various countries.

Consul-General Mason reports, November 5, as follows:

Plague.

Egypt.—During the period from October 15 to 21 there were registered 3 fresh cases of plague (and 3 deaths)—1 each in Alexandria, Port Said, and Damietta.

Straits Settlements.—In Singapore, on October 1, 1 case of plague was registered in a street in the native quarter.

Japan.—During the months of July and August there occurred in Formosa 108 cases and 36 deaths of plague, and 182 cases and 39 deaths, respectively.

Cholera.

Russia.—According to the Government Gazette of October 21 only 1 case of cholera occurred in Merv during the period from October 10 to 17. In Baku during the period from October 11 to 18 there were registered 60 cases of cholera, with 24 deaths.

Turkey.—According to official bulletin No. 40 of October 17, 56 fresh cases of cholera, with 55 deaths, have been registered since the date of publication of the last bulletin.

According to bulletin No. 41 of October 24, 3 new cases of cholera and 4 deaths have occurred in Bagdad.